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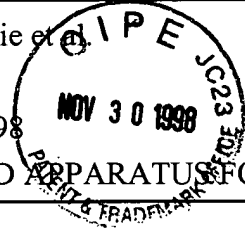
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In compliance with the duty imposed by 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 *et. seq.*, the enclosed materials are brought to the attention of the Examiner for review in connection with the above-identified patent application. Pursuant to the provisions of MPEP 609, Applicants request that a copy of the 1449 form, initialled as being considered by the Examiner be returned to the Applicants.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(d), copies of the listed documents are not provided as these references were previously cited by or submitted to the U.S. Patent Office in connection with Applicants' prior U.S. application, Serial No. 08/755,459, filed on November 22, 1996, which is relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. §120.

Applicants respectfully request consideration of these references during prosecution of the above-identified matter. The Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' Representative at the below-listed telephone number if there are any questions regarding this communication.

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